not come under the class of unreserved lands. Instructions are being issued by the Board of Revenue to the Collectors concerned that porambokes, unless they are reserved under the Forest Act and unless they are not under the control of the Revenue department, fall under the class of unreserved lands and that free quarrying should be allowed in them for bona fide domestic or agricultural purposes.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) & (*d*) The concession has not been revoked.

(*e*) & (*f*) The Government are not aware that seigniorage fees have been demanded except so far as is mentioned in the answer to clause (*a*) of this question.

Settlement

Alleged inadequacy of staff for the resettlement work in Ganjam district.

* 181 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state —

(*a*) the reason why adequate staff has not been sanctioned for the settlement work in the zamindaris of the district of Ganjam;

(*b*) whether any representations have been received by the Government or by the Board of Revenue from the Ganjam Zamindari Ryots' Association and also from the concerned villagers;

(*c*) what action has been taken on these representations; and

(*d*) whether they have sanctioned additional staff only for Parlakimedi settlement operations applied at the instance of the landholder?

A.—(*b*) No such representations have been received by the Government. The Government understand that a representation was received by the Board of Revenue from the Ganjam Zamindari Ryots' Association requesting that the preparation of a record of rights and settlement of rents in certain estates should be expedited by increasing the staff employed under the special Revenue Officer and that a similar representation was received from the ryots of five villages in Khallikote estate.

(*a*) & (*c*) The Board of Revenue applied to the Government for the appointment of an additional Revenue Officer for the Ganjam district. Orders were issued on 27th July 1929 sanctioning the appointment of an additional Revenue Officer for work connected with the preparation of a record of rights and settlement of rents in the estates in that district.

(*d*) No. The additional staff is proposed in connexion with work in other estates as well.

Village Accounts

Maintenance of the village accounts.

* 182 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are considering the question of simplification of the preparation and maintenance of the village accounts, and if so, the progress made in that direction?

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A.—The question is not under the consideration of the Government. The Government recently examined the question and found that no substantial benefit would result from any change of practice. It was therefore decided to drop the matter.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether Government is still insisting on the preparation of the provisional demand account by the karnams ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Annual supply of stationery to village headmen and karnams.

* 183 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any and if so what stationery is supplied annually to village headmen and karnams and on what scale ?

A.—The articles of stationery supplied to the village officers and the scale of supply are as follows :—

Articles.	Scale. Headman.	Scale. Karnam.	
Penholders	1	1	(biennial).
Nibs	6	6	(annual).
Pencils (black lead)	...	1	(annual).
Blank paper	According to requirements.		

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know why village headmen are not supplied with these articles of stationery ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I will consider the question."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know what is the arrangement for the distribution of stationery to the village officers ? Do they take the articles from the taluk office or the articles are sent otherwise ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" My impression is that they take them from the taluk office."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I ask the hon. Member whether the Government know that this supply is absolutely inadequate for the requirements of the karnams ? "

The hon. the President :—" That is asking for an opinion."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" The hon. Member said that they come to the headquarters to take one pen and six nibs May I ask him what is the travelling allowance given to them to travel a distance of 20 miles from their villages for this purpose ? "

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I ask the hon. Member whether he knows that in certain places this supply is never made and may I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member is prepared to issue instructions that these things should be properly supplied ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I am not aware that the supply is not made. If, in any case, the hon. Member finds that the supply is not made, I shall be obliged to him if he can bring such things to my notice."